

USFS – Pacific Southwest Region

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant’s application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow “green sticker” off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Education & Safety	G15-02-12-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Description does not appear to be an appropriate project under an OHV Education and Safety. The project must provide to the public either comprehensive education that teaches off-highway motor vehicle safety, environmental responsibility, and respect for private property, or provide safety programs associated with Off-highway motor vehicle recreation. The project seems to focus more on its volunteers, which are unpaid staff of the organization, to carry out conservation activities. Applicant must provide additional information as to why the activities fall under an education and safety project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	

- All categories - Applicant must adjust Project Cost Estimate by a percent based on the number of OHV related educational activities provided to the OHV recreating public on sites with an evidenced nexus to OHV. This percent is in comparison to non-OHV related activities on sites with no nexus to OHV.
- All categories – All costs associated with training volunteers, which includes field trip training exercises, are now indirect costs of the program whether Grant or Match funded. Applicant must move these costs to the Indirect category.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must clarify which BLM Offices they will be partnering with and how they are partners to the project.
- #4 - Southern California Mountains Foundation is a current grant Applicant for its own Educational program, thus cannot be claimed as a partner.
- #4 - Friends of Jawbone is a current grant Applicant for its own Educational program, thus cannot be claimed as a partner.
- #5 - Selections are not addressed in the Project Description. Applicant must provide additional information substantiating all selections made. Also note, the questions applies to OHV recreation, not the OHV capabilities of its own volunteer staff.
- #6 - Narrative does not provide the location of the public meeting, nor does it explain how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the project.
- #8 – Narrative does not support the selections; “Hands on learning”, “Formal class setting”, and “Printed media”. Applicant must provide additional information explaining how the sections will be utilized for OHV education in the project. Also note, the question applies to the public, not volunteers.
- #9 & #10 – Selection made for #10 does not appear to agree with the # 9 selection. Questions #8, #9, and #10 are related. Also note, the question pertains to the public, not volunteers. Applicant must re-evaluate and revise responses.